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REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ACTION

In reply to the Examiner's Action that was mailed in the above-captioned case on May 26, 2000, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks.

AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the application as follows.

In the Specification:

At page 1, line 3, please insert